

No. 5043. 號三十四百六千五第 日五廿月一十年亥乙緒光 HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 1875. 三拜禮 一號二十二月二十英 港香 [PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.]

Information

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

THE "AUDACIOUS" AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CORPS
Will give TWO PERFORMANCES
THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, Dec. 22nd
and
TO-MORROW, December 23rd 1875.
Commencing with
"RANDALL'S THUMB"
BY
W. S. GILBERT.
To conclude with the Screen Scene from
THE "SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL"

consequence of the
be held on the 23rd.

Draws Circle only will be available on **WEDNESDAY**, for the convenience of those unable to attend the second Performance.

Dogs Open on **WEDNESDAY** at 7.45; **Commerce** at 8.15. On **THURSDAY**, **Dogs Open** at 8.15, to **Commence** at 8.45.

ADMISSION\$2

Tickets at **LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**
1871 **Hongkong**, 21st **December**, 1875.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned **BANKS** will **CLOSE** for the transaction of public business on **CHRISTMAS DAY** and **MONDAY**, the 27th inst.; also on **SATURDAY**, the 1st **January**

ORIENTAL BANK Co.
C. MORLAN

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Acting Manager, Hongkong
For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK
INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA,
H. H. NELSON,
Manager, Hongkong
For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,

Acting Manager
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CHR. DE GUIGNE,
Manager
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager
For the NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA LIMITED

R. H. SAND

1877 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1875.
FOR MANILA (Direct)
THE Spanish Steamer
"MARIPELES"
 Ugalde, Master, will leave for Manila on MONDAY NEXT, the 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co
 1873 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1875.
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI

ARGO and Passengers
KOW, NINGPO, and
HARBOUR

THE Company's Steamship
"SARPEDON,"
will be despatched on or about the 31st inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
1873 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1875.
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

LONDON, via S. S. Company's Steamship

“AJAX,”
will be despatched on or about the 2nd prox.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agts.*
1874. Hongkong, 2nd December, 1875.

SALE for the Masonic
September 1875 at Ho

20th December, 1870, at Hongkong, the
"VADE MECUM,
OR
"MASONIC QUOTATIONS,"
Containing the Masonic Manual and Ritual
with the Laws, Orders, Officers, Regalia, Jewels
and Banners of the Profession; according

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ature on the "Mason
and concluding with

WANTED, A SITUATION by a CLEVER MAN, Salary no object. Please address "E." Office of this Paper.
1880 Hongkong, 20th December, 1875.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY by a YOUNG MAN, age 27, EMPLOYMENT (not elsewhere), as OLDERK, Assistant Book-keeper, or other place of trust; three years' China & good references, salary moderate. Send "J.M." office of this Paper.
1704 Hongkong, 19th November, 1875.

NOTICE

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TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO
EX O. S. S. CO.'S S.S. DEUCALION
FROM LIVERPOOL.
SHIPPING Orders must be obtained
the Undersigned not later than the
instant, for shipment per **SARAPDON**.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
6d 1875 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1891.

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Consignees are hereby notified that cargo is being discharged into Craft and land at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in case it will lie at Consignees' risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on after the 22nd December, 1875.

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8d 1876 Hongkong, 21st December, 1876.
AMERICAN SHIP SAMUEL G. RICE
 FROM NEW YORK.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovesaid
 named Vessel are hereby requested to
 send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
 signed on or before the 27th inst. for the
 delivery of their Goods.
 Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
 will be landed and stored at Consignee's
 and expense.
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO
 1858 Hongkong, 18th December, 1876.
 S.S. **YILKONG**
COMPANIE DE VAPEUR
MARTIMES.
NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S.S. **Yup**
 from London, in connection with
 above Steamer, are hereby informed that
 Goods are being landed and stored at the
 wharf of the Company, and that the same
 must be obtained from **MONDAY**, the

mal Cargo will be f
tion is received from

for 5 P.M. TO-DAY.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
Undersigned.
Goods unclaimed after THURSDAY
23rd instant, at Noon, will be subject to
and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
O. BERTRAND,
Principal.
1854 Hongkong, 17th December, 1875

Post-Office Notifications.

A mail will close
 9 A.M. For *Bangkok*.—For *Danaboo*, to-day, the 22d instant, at 12.30 P.M.
 For *Singapore, Suez, and London*.—For *Amoy, Swatow, and Hongkong*, to-day, the 22d instant, at 5 P.M.
 For *Singapore*.—For *Danaboo*, to-morrow, the 23d instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For *Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta*.—For *Glasgow*, to-morrow, the 23d instant, at 11.30 P.M.
 For *Singapore, Somerset, Cocktown, Clifton, and Bremen*.—For *Amoy, Hongkong, Koolpa Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, and Melbourne*.—For *Norrmoo*, on Friday, the 31st instant, at 11.15 A.M.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
 The English Contract Packet *AVOON* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c. on **THURSDAY**, the 23rd December, and the following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c. &c.
Wednesday, 22nd instant,
 5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.
 6 P.M. Post Office closes for the MONEY ORDER, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 23rd instant,
 7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Receipts of Letters, and Post Notes, and all currencies except the MONEY ORDER.
 8 A.M. Post Office closes except for Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
 10.15 A.M. *Letters* may be posted on payment of postage.

Late Post, 10.45 AM, Board-closes.
 11.30 A.M., **POSTAL OFFICE.** Board-closes.
ALFRED LISTER.
Postmaster-General.
 General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 11th December, 1875.
MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
 The French Contract Packet *SINDH* will
 be despatched on **THURSDAY** at 5.30 AM,
 to sail, with mail, for all the United
 Kingdom and Mascareilles, to Europe, Saigon,
 Singapore, Gallo, Australia, New Zealand,
 Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suva
 and the Sandwich Islands.
 The following will be the hours of closing the
 Mails, &c.:—
 Wednesday, 28th inst.,
 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post
 Office closes except the Night Box,
 which remains open all night.
 Thursday, 30th inst.,
 7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of
 stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post-
 ing of all correspondence.
 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.
 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Letters
 to the United Kingdom and to Singapore.
 11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed
 to the United Kingdom or to Singapore
 may be posted on payment of
 the Postage Fee of 18 cents extra postage
 until 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES
 entirely.
ALFRED LISTER.
Postmaster-General.
 General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 17th December, 1875.
 Arrangements have been made for the Regis-
 tration of Correspondence exchanged between
 the United States of America and this Colony
 by Pacific Mail Packets of the Presidential and
 Oriental Steam Ship Company.
 The Registration Fee will be 8 cents for each
 letter, over and above the Postage. This fee
 as well as the Postage, must be prepaid.
 No letters can be Registered after 2 P.M. on
 the day of departure of the Mail.
ALFRED LISTER.
Postmaster-General.
 General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 11th November, 1875.
 The following reduced Rates of Postage will
 take effect from this day:—

	<i>Books</i>
<i>Letters, Newspapers, Pamphlets</i>	
PORTUGAL.—Cents.	Cents.
Via East-bound, 34 per 1/2 oz.	5 6 per 2 oz.
ACADEMIES ISLANDS.	

Via Marcellas, 40 per oz. 8 14 per 2
Via Southampton, 34 per oz. 8 8 per 2
CANARY & MADRIDA.

ISLANDS.—
Via Bristol, 34 per oz. 8 12 per 2
Via Marcellas, 34 per oz. 8 12 per 2
Via Southampton, 28 per oz. 8 3 per 2
HONOLULU AND
HAWAII.—
Via Bristol, 38 per oz. 10 14 per 2
Via Marcellas, 34 per oz. 8 14 per 2
Via Southampton, 30 per oz. 8 8 per 2

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 5th August, 1875.

The Postmaster at San Francisco has given notice that letters despatched from this Colony (whether through the Post Office, or as so-called "signature" letters) by the United States Mail Packets, will not be forwarded to any place within the United States unless the proper Postage from America to such places be prepaid on American Postage Stamps, but will be returned to this Office.

Such letters should either be prepaid in Hongkong and American Stamps and cover, or be posted on an Agent in the United States.

This notice chiefly applies to the following places, the American rates of Postage to which are as follows:—

NEW-
LETTERS, PAPERS, BOOKS.

	Chas.	Cents.	Cents.
Honolulu,	6	per	4
Brazil,	15	"	4
Pern. Chili, &c. 22	"	"	10

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, 12th July, 1875.

It is hereby notified that henceforward postage on letters addressed to Newfoundland which must be paid in advance, will be as follows, viz. —

When forwarded via	34 cents each 4 ounces
Bridle.....	34
When forwarded via	34
Marselles.....	34
When forwarded via	34
Southern.....	38

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
General Post-Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified for general information that, on and after the 1st January, 1875, Postage on Correspondence forwarded by *Private Ship* to the Straits Settlements must be paid at the following rates, viz. —

For Letters,.....	8 cents each 4 ounces,
For Papers,.....	12 " " "
For Book Packets	
and Packets of 6 " , for each 4 ounces	
Papers,.....	12 " " "

The registration fee on such correspondence is Twelve cents for each Letter, Paper or Packet.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
General Post-Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified that the rates of postage henceforward on *Letters* addressed to the United Kingdom, and to places beyond United Kingdom, when forwarded by *Private Packet*, will be the same as those chargeable on Letters forwarded by *British Packet* via *Bridle*.

F. W. MITCHELL,

Postmaster General
General Post Office, Hongkong.

Arrangements having been made under which Mails for London arriving at Suva from China by Private Ships will be forwarded to destination by Banders; it is hereby notified that the rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, on correspondence addressed to the United Kingdom so forwarded, will be as follows, viz.:

For Letters.....	24 cents per half ounce
For Newspapers.....	8 " each.
" not exceeding 1 ounce each	"
For Books and	"
" Patterns.....	4 " 12 "
" every additional 4 " 12 "	"

F. W. MITCHELL
Postmaster General
General Post Office, Hongkong.

